

heart hangs on the faint, uncertain tick of a sander when human lives hang on it!

"Where are your section men?" asked Bucks.

"In bed at the section house."

"Who's with you?"

"Night agent, sheriff with two cowboy prisoners waiting to take 50."

Before the last word came Bucks was back at him:

To Ope:

Ask sheriff release his prisoners to save passenger train. Go together to west switch house track, open and set it.

Smash in section tool house, get tools. Go to point of house track curve, cut the rails and point them to send runaway train from Ogallala over the bluff into the river.

BUCKS.

The words flew off his fingers like sparks, and another message crowded the wire behind it:

To Act:

Go to east switch, open and set for passing track. Flag 50 and run her on siding. If can't get 50 into the clear, ditch the runaways.

BUCKS.

They took old now. The ink is faded and the paper is smothered with the fire of the fifteen winters and bleached with the sun of fifteen summers, but to this day they hang there in their walnut frames, the original orders, just as Bucks scratched them off. They hang there in the dispatchers' offices in the new depot. But in their present

swell surroundings Bucks wouldn't know them. It was Harvey Reynolds who took them off the other end of the wire—a boy in a thousand for that night and that minute. The instant the words flashed into the room he instructed the agent, grabbed an ax and dashed out into the waiting room, where the sheriff, Ed Banks, sat with his prisoners, the cowboys.

"Ed," cried Harvey, "there's a runaway train from Ogallala coming down the line in the wind. If we can't trap it here it'll knock 50 into kindling wood. Turn the boys loose, Ed, and save the passenger train first!" he roared. Everybody from Ogallala to Omaha knew Ed Banks.

"Which way? How?" cried the cowboys. In a latter of excitement.

Harvey Reynolds, beckoning as he ran, rushed out the door and up the track, his posse at his heels, stumbling into the gale like lunatics.

"Smash in the tool house door!" panted Harvey as he neared it.

Ed Banks seized the ax from his hands and took command as naturally as Dewey.

"Pick up that tie and ram her!" he cried, pointing to the door. "All together—now!"

Harvey and the cowboys splintered the panel in a twinkling, and Banks with a few clean strokes, cut an opening. The cowboys, jumping together, ran in and began fishing for tools in the dark. One got hold of a wrench; the other, a pick. Harvey caught up a claw bar, and Banks grabbed a spike-maul. In a bunch they ran for the point of the curve on the house track. It lies there close to the verge of a limestone bluff that looms up fifty feet above the river.

But it is one thing to order a contact opened and another and very different thing to open it at 2 in the morning on Dec. 25 by men who know no more about track cutting than about logarithms. Side by side and shoulder to shoulder the men of the law and the men out of the law, the rough riders and the railroad boy, pried and wrenched and clawed and struggled with the steel. While Harvey and Banks clawed at the spikes the cowboys wrestled with the nuts on the bolts of the fish-plates. It was a battle. The nuts wouldn't twist; the spikes stuck like pliers; sweat covered the assaults. Harvey went into a frenzy. "Boys, we must work faster!" he cried, tugging at the frosty spikes. But flesh and blood could do no more.

There they come—there's the runaway train. Do you hear it? I'm going to open the switch anyhow!" Harvey shouted, starting up the track. "Save yourselves!"

One of the warnings, Banks staggered with the plate bolts in a faint. Suddenly he sprang to his feet. "Give me the maul!" he cried.

Grabbing the heavy tool like a tack hammer, he landed heavily on the bolt

outs once and again, and they flew in a stream like bullets over the bluff. The taller cowboy, bending close on his knees, raised a yell. The plates had given. Springing to the other rail, Banks stripped the bolts even after the mad train had shot into the gorge above them. They drove the pick under the loosened steel, and with a pry that bent the claw bar and a yell that reached Harvey, trembling at the switch, they tore away the stubborn contact and pointed the rails over the precipice.

The shriek of a locomotive whistle cut the wind. Looking east, Harvey had been watching 50's headlight. She was pulling in on the siding. He still held the switch open to send the runaways into the trap. Bucks had set it if the passenger train failed to get into the clear, but there was a minute yet—a bare sixty seconds—and Harvey had no idea of dumping \$10,000 worth of equipment into the river unless he had to.

Suddenly up went the safety signals from the east end. The 101 was coughing noisily up the passing track—the line was clear. Banks and the cowboys, waiting breathless, saw Harvey with a determined lurch close the main line contact.

In the next breath the coolers, with the sweep of the gale in their frightful velocity, smashed over the switch and on. A rattling whirl of ballast and a dizzy clatter of noise, and before the frightened crew of 50 could see what was against them the runaway train was passed—gone!

"I wasn't going to stop here tonight," muttered the engineer as he stood with the conductor over Harvey's shoulder at the operator's desk a minute later and wiped the chill from his forehead with a piece of waste. "We'd have met them in the canyon."

Harvey was reporting to Bucks. Callahan heard it coming: "Rails cut, but 50 safe. Runaways went by here fully seventy miles an hour."

It was easy after that. Griffin is the foot of the grade. From there on the runaways went down a hill to climb. Bucks had held 250, the local passenger, sidetracked at Davis, thirty miles farther east. Sped by the wind, the runaways passed Davis, though not at half their highest speed. An instant later 250's engine was cut loose and started after them like a scared colt. Three miles east of Davis they were overhauled by the light engine. The fireman, Donahue, crawled out of the cab window, along the foot rail and down on the pilot, caught the ladder of the first car and, running up, crept along to the leader and began setting brakes. Ten minutes later they were brought back in triumph to Davis.

When the multitude of orders was out of the way, Bucks wired Ed Banks to bring his cowboys down to McCloud on 60. Sixty was the eastbound passenger due at McCloud at 5:30 a. m. It turned out that the cowboys had been arrested for looting a Norwegian homesteader who had cut their wire. It was not a heinous offense, and after it was straightened out by the intervention of Bucks, who was the whole thing then—they were given jobs lassoing sugar barrels in the train service. One of them, the tall fellow, is a passenger conductor on the high line yet.

It was 3 o'clock that morning—the 25th of December in small letters on the West End—before they got things decently straightened out, there was so much to do—orders to make and reports to take. Bucks, still on the key in his flowing robes and tumbling hair, sent and took them all. Then he turned the sent over to Callahan and, getting up for the first time in two hours, dropped into another chair.

The very first thing Callahan received was a personal from Pat Francis at Ogallala, conductor of 50. It was for Bucks:

Your mother is aboard 50. She was carried by McCloud in the Denver sleeper. Sending her back to you on 50. Merry Christmas.

It came off the wire first. Callahan, taking it, didn't think Bucks heard, though it's probable that he did hear. Anyway, Callahan threw the clip over toward him, with a laugh.

"Look there, old man. There's your mother coming after all your kicking—carried by on 50."

As the boy turned he saw the big dispatcher's head sink between his arms on the table. Callahan sprang to his side, but Bucks had fainted.

The Fan.

The history of the fan is almost as old as the history of the world. One might almost imagine Eve flaunting a primitive fan of palm leaves or feathers in the garden of Eden. The Egyptians used fans of strange shapes made of parchment or plumes at their religious ceremonies. The Romans used a flabellum, a sort of circular fan, on occasions of state, and the early Greeks had fans made of the flat leaves of the lotus. The Chinese and Japanese have always been great fan lovers and lavish infinite care upon their decoration. Men and women use them alike. These fans are of painted and embroidered silk, gilded paper, ostrich or peacock feathers, with sticks of violet wood, sandal, ivory or pearl. Queen Elizabeth owned almost as many fans as dresses and had a mania for collecting them. Her subjects were in the habit of offering these tributes to their royal mistress. Mme. de Pompadour loved a fan and encouraged the art of fan painting. Many a woman of fans was enormous. Many a woman of fans was enormous. Many a woman of fans was enormous.

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TELEPHONES PUT OUT

Wires Cut At Clarksville By Mayor's Order—Chop Poles Next.

Clarksville, Tenn., Sept. 13.—

Several hundred wires, including two cables of the Cumberland Telephone & Telegraph Co., were cut by the City Engineer, acting under the orders of Mayor Northington and in accordance with an ordinance passed by the City Council last December requiring the Cumberland Telephone Company to remove its cables from the business part of the town and lay them under ground. The company was given until Sept. 1st, to comply with the law. At the last meeting of the City Council a resolution was adopted requesting the Mayor to take immediate steps to have the business part of the town cleared of wires and poles. On Sept. 2nd, Mayor Northington notified the Cumberland Telephone Co. of the measures he proposed to take to compel them to comply with the city ordinance, but nothing was done until this morning, when he issued an order to the City Engineer to clear the streets of wires and poles. On Franklin street, the principal business thoroughfare of the town, all the wires are hanging down and only one-half of the telephones of the city are in service. If an injunction is not secured by the Cumberland Company the city will proceed with its work and all the poles of that company will be chopped down. The whole city is intensely interested in the situation.

Pain anywhere, pain in the head, painful periods. Neuralgia, toothache, all pains can be promptly stopped by a thoroughly safe little Pink Candy Tablet, known by druggists everywhere as Dr. Shoop's Headache Tablets. Pain simply means congestion—undue blood pressure at the point where pain exists. Dr. Shoop's Headache Tablets quickly equalize this unnatural blood pressure, and pain immediately departs. Write Dr. Shoop, Racine, Wis., and get a free trial package. Large box 25 cts. Haynes & Taylor, druggists.

Girls Save A Fortune.

Taunton, Mass., Sept. 9.—The

will of Annie Snow, a scotch girl who worked in the Fall River mills, filed here, reveals the fact that she and her sister, Margaret, saved \$15,000 from their wages as weavers in the mills in forty-five years. Most of the money is left to Perkins' Institute for the blind in Boston.

Don't neglect your stomach. At the first indication of trouble take something that will help it along in its work of digesting the food you eat. Kodol For Indigestion and Dyspepsia will do this. Sold by J. H. Orme.

The New Pure Food and Drug Law.

We are pleased to announce that Foley's Honey and Tar for coughs, colds and lung troubles is not affected by the National Pure Food and Drug law as it contains no opiates or other harmful drugs, and we recommend it as a safe remedy for children and adults. J. H. Orme.

ENON.

It rains almost every day and we also have wind storms occasionally.

Several people have lost their tobacco crops and had their corn badly damaged by the wind.

Some few are cutting their tobacco and getting it in the house so they can smoke the horn worms until they will agree to quit eating and look for other employment.

Look out for a wedding this week.

Sunday School at the grove every Sunday evening.

Next Saturday is regular meeting day. There is important business to attend to, everybody come.

Don't be afraid to give Chamberlain's Cough Remedy to your children. It is intended especially for cough, colds, croup and whooping cough, and it is the best medicine made for these diseases. It contains no opium or other narcotic. For sale by J. H. Orme.

DeWitt's Carbolic Witch Hazel Salve is good for boils, ulcers, cuts, scalds and skin diseases. It is especially good for piles. Sold by J. H. Orme.

Do You Belong to "The Citizens' Committee?"

This committee is made up of the men who sit around an excavation for a new building, whittle pine sticks, spit tobacco juice on the fresh dirt and watch the other fellows work.

It's all right to show interest in new buildings, in town development and progress, but there's a better way.

You can do more good for yourself and the community by resigning from "The Citizens' Committee" and getting into the General Progress Committee.

This committee is the one that PUTS UP THE NEW BUILDINGS, brings new business into town to occupy them,

paints the old houses, keeps the sidewalks in good repair, beautifies the front yards, cleans up the back yards and otherwise makes this town a better town to live in.

The General Progress Committee is the Unofficial Town Booming Committee. It really ought to be organized and made official. Let all of us work together for the advancement of the town we live in, and there will be more room around new excavations for the fellows at work to throw out the dirt.

Eternal industry is the price of progress.

Let's all fall in line for the General Progress Committee—and then

JUST WATCH THE OLD TOWN GROW.

Kick the Printer



In the city of Brooklyn, N. Y., there has been for many years a conspicuous signboard outside an office which reads, "KICK THE PRINTER."

Bibulous persons sometimes go inside to carry out the apparent request, but they discover that the printer is a gentleman by the name of Kick.

In every town there are persons who, if they do not actually feel like kicking the printer—the newspaper man—at any rate do a lot of kicking at the way he conducts his paper.

Please DON'T kick the printer; he is doing the best he can.

And what he does for the town and community, despite his occasional mistakes, may be a great deal more than the kickers themselves are doing. Did THAT ever occur to you?

We are all neighbors in this town. What helps one helps the others. What hurts one hurts the others. Every community is a mutual benefit association, whether organized or just running wild. The printer is a charter member.

If you had no printer—no newspaper—how would you like that? Do you know what happens to towns that don't support a newspaper? Nothing happens. Nothing ever happens in a town like that. As soon as things begin to happen in a town the newspaper comes along and tells about them.

The newspaper boosts the town. It records progress and offers suggestions, by the editor or the readers, as to further progress. Every copy of every issue advertises the town. This is all free advertisement. It costs the town nothing. It costs the people nothing. It is a part of the business.

In view of this fact, which is a well-known dispute, it is much better to pat the printer on the back now and then or to speak kindly of him than to kick him.

NO; DON'T KICK THE PRINTER.

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Neglecting to insure causes a loss of many millions of dollars every year to property owners. Don't be one of them, but get your insurance now.

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